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Attorney Docket No. 23842

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DRIZEN et al.

Serial No.: 09/288,238

Filing Date: April 8, 1999

For: **TOPICAL DRUG PREPARATIONS**



Examiner: R. Harrison

Group Art Unit: 1617

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 23, 1999. The three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire February 23, 2000. A Petition for Extension of Time along with the fee for a one month extension of time is attached hereto, extending the period for reply to March 23, 2000. In view of the following remarks, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the above identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 45-70 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein.

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